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ISSG COMMENTS/NOTES ON HR [redacted]

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1. Overall

I believe this to be a poorly written Headquarters Regulation which will cause, at least this office, a certain amount of anguish if published at this time.

2. SECRET Classification

I seriously doubt that this HR meets the criteria for a SECRET classification as defined by E.O.11652. Furthermore, if this HR is to establish the basis for the Sources and Methods concept, it will undoubtedly receive broad distribution and possibly be surfaced in court and in Congress. I suggest that the HR be unclassified and, at a maximum, be stamped "Internal Use".

3. HR [redacted]

It would appear that this HR should be in the series where DCID 1/7 implementation and other control regulations exist. I believe this is the HR [redacted]. Furthermore, I STATINTL believe a DCID should be published to establish the concept Intelligence Community wide rather than limit it to the Agency. Would Sources and Methods material located at another Agency receive any protection if it were unclassified?

4. h. Need-To-Know Access

- (1) How is this to be accomplished?
(Consider a registry or librarian function.)
- (2) Since Sources and Methods may be unclassified, what level of trustworthiness is required.
This needs some deep consideration if S & M is available to other than Agency Staffers.
Furthermore, the referenced directives and regulations should be established prior to release and publication of HR [redacted] or this STATINTL office will take a beating.

(5) i. Dissemination

(sent. # 1.)

- define - authorized channels
- under what authority may other U. S. Gov't agencies or departments mark Warning Notice - Sources and Methods
- the review procedure - establishing potential risk could become extremely burdensome

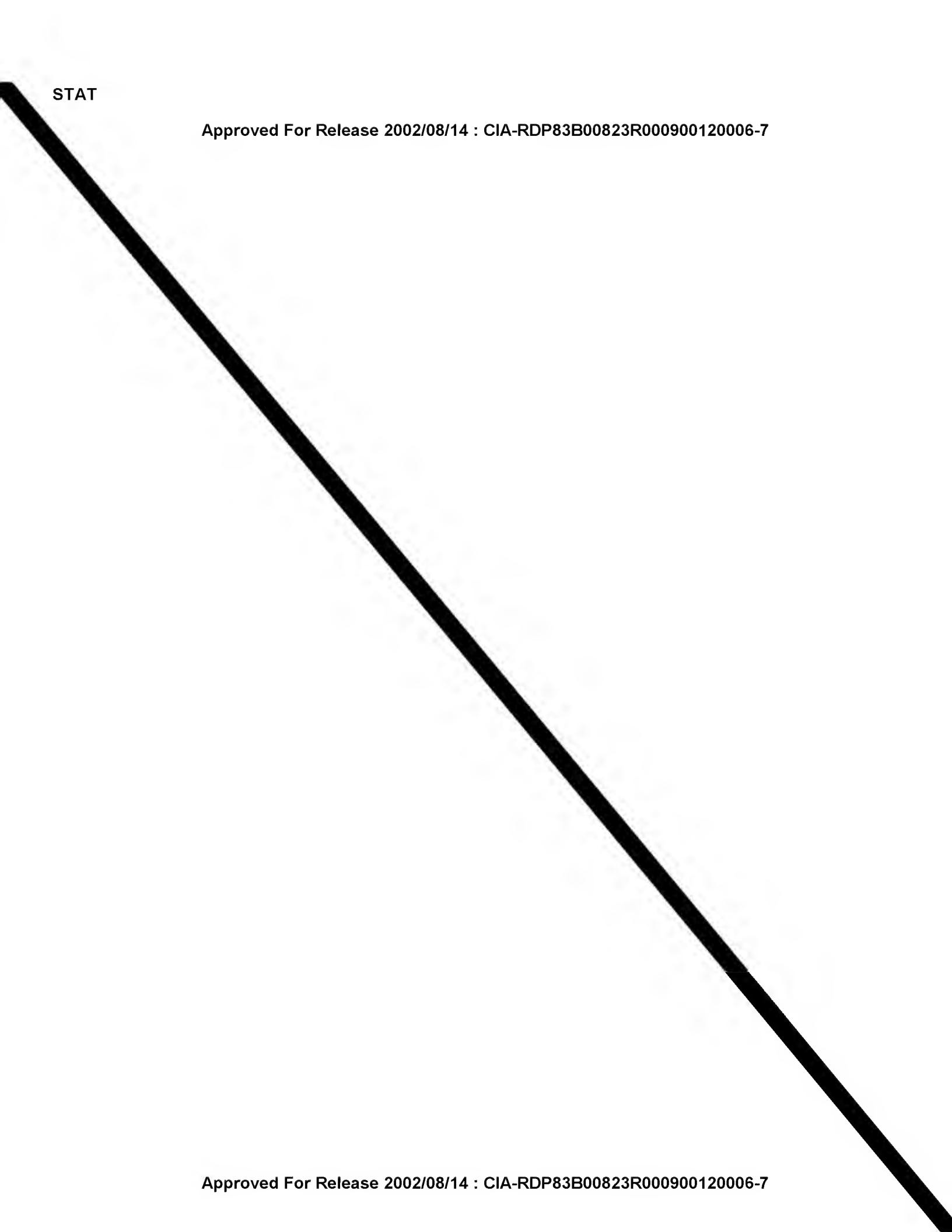
(sent. # 2.)

- should this not precede sent. # 1 which would then clarify the paragraph a little. This, however, still does not satisfy the problem of (sent. # 1).

(6) m. Storage and Control ---

Again the Director of Security should be ready to answer the ~~storage~~ requirements prior to publication of HR [redacted] STATINTL

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